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# S. 575

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the deduction for health insurance costs of self-employed individuals.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 15, 1997

Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. REID, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. KERREY, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. MACK, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. BIDEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### 3   **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Health Insurance Tax  
5   Equity for Self-Employed Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEDUCTION FOR HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS OF**  
2 **SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS INCREASED.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 162(l)(1) of the Internal  
4 Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to special rules for health  
5 insurance costs of self-employed individuals) is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 “(1) ALLOWANCE OF DEDUCTION.—In the case  
8 of an individual who is an employee within the  
9 meaning of section 401(c)(1), there shall be allowed  
10 as a deduction under this section an amount equal  
11 to the amount paid during the taxable year for in-  
12 surance which constitutes medical care for the tax-  
13 payer, the taxpayer’s spouse, and dependents.”.

14 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
15 this section applies to taxable years beginning after De-  
16 cember 31, 1996.

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